
DEVELOPMENTAL

The Developmental Disabilities Administration's (DDA) mission is to partner with people with developmental disabilities to provide leadership and resources to live fulfilling lives.

The DDA's vision is that all Marylanders lead personally defined and fulfilling lives.

DDA's goal is that:

People with developmental disabilities...

- direct their lives;
- have viable support options; and,
- have information to make decisions.

A regional model is utilized to ensure the most efficient delivery of services. The Regional Offices are responsible for facilitating the delivery of services to people residing in the region.

- **Services are obtained** by contacting one of the regional offices of the DDA. These services are not an entitlement. People must apply for and be determined eligible for DDA services. If a person is determined to be eligible for services from the DDA and requires the services within the next three years, they will be placed in one of the following service priority categories. The categories are listed in the order of priority in which applicants shall receive services: Category I - Crisis Resolution, Category II - Crisis Prevention or Category III- Current Request. People who are deemed eligible but do not demonstrate a need for services in the next three years are placed on the DDA Registry. Initiation of services shall be dependent upon the availability and allocation of funds provided to the DDA.*

*Criteria set forth in Health-General Article, Title 7- Developmental Disabilities Law.

DISABILITIES

CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

1401 Severn Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-234-8200
1-877-874-2494

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore County
Baltimore City
Harford County
Howard County

EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL OFFICE

1500 Riverside Drive
Salisbury, Maryland 21801
410-334-6920
1-888-219-0478

Caroline County
Cecil County
Dorchester County
Kent County
Queen Anne's County
Somerset County
Talbot County
Worcester County
Wicomico County

ADMINISTRATION

SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

312 Marshall Ave., Ste. 700
Laurel, Maryland 20707
301-362-5100
1-888-207-2479

Calvert County
Charles County
Montgomery County
Prince Georges County
St. Mary's County

WESTERN MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

1360 Marshall Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
301-791-4670
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Allegany County
Carroll County
Frederick County
Garrett County
Washington County

"The Developmental Disabilities Administration does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility is based on definitions found in Maryland State law, Health-General Article, Title 7, Developmental Disabilities Law. These services are not entitlement services. People* must apply and be determined eligible for DDA services. People are eligible for services if they:

1. Have a developmental disability
or
2. Have a severe, chronic disability caused by a physical or mental condition, other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness.

A person has a developmental disability if they have a severe chronic disability caused by a “physical or mental condition” other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness that is manifested before the age of 22, that is likely to continue indefinitely and as a result the person cannot live independently without continuing assistance and the need for services that are individually planned and coordinated.

A person who does not meet the definition of a person with a developmental disability may be eligible for “Individual Support Services.” also known as Supports-Only eligible. The person must have a “severe, chronic disability,” which is caused by a physical or mental condition other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness and is likely to continue indefinitely.

*A person or child of any age may apply for DDA services.

TYPES OF SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES are designed to help families stay together. Families with children with developmental disabilities typically experience emotional, physical and financial demands because the care and attention their children require tends to be intensive and indefinite. Family Support Services are flexible and responsive to what the family needs, when they need it.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES are designed to provide a variety of supports to adults with disabilities in their living situation. People may be supported in their homes, with their family, or in a home owned by an agency that provides residential services. Some people live alone and other people choose to live with other people to share expenses and/or companionship.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES are available to assist adults who are living in their own homes or with their families. Individual supports are usually less intensive than residential or day program services. Some people only need limited assistance with paying for a piece of specialized equipment or a few hours of ongoing supports each week to help with shopping, budgeting, personal hygiene or other kinds of services to assist them with living in the community.

EMPLOYMENT/DAY SERVICES are designed to assist people in locating and maintaining employment in their community. This may mean assisting people with finding employment to match their skills and abilities; exploring volunteer opportunities, joining clubs or social groups, attending classes, retirement related activities, and other activities in their communities, which match their interests.

RESOURCE COORDINATION is provided to assist families and people with locating and obtaining services through DDA as well as other state, local and private entities to meet their needs and interests.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION



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